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Invention: METHOD FOR PROVIDING LONG-TGERM STABILITY TO CELLS FOR DIAGNOSTIC TESTING						
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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection of April 11, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Amendment.

REMARKS

Claims 13-16 and 18-32 are in the present application.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 13-16, 18, 25, 26 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by Essenfeld et al. The presently claimed invention is not anticipated by the cited prior art.